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How revival of abandoned water source, trashed with waste, provided an entire village daily access to clean drinking water

WELL DONE

200-year-old structure can hold 3 lakh litres

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A 200-year-old well, used to dump construction debris and plastic waste for over a decade, was salvaged from the brink of depletion. The water from the well now benefits over 500 villagers.

The well is located in Doddaballapur in rural Bengaluru's Myasandra village. It was not in use for years. Though the villagers there did not want to demolish the well and had kept it open, it was being used to dump waste materials.

A volunteer from SayTrees had chanced upon the abandoned well and decided to rejuvenate it. After the volunteer spoke to his team mates, the organisation decided to restore the structure. While they got working, they realised how over 150 plus households with approximately 700 people could benefit from the well water.

The village would get tap water only twice a week and that too for three hours only; many households were finding it difficult to make it through the week without sufficient quantities of potable water.

The volunteers thought the well could help in providing water on a daily basis; so the work began in the month of April. After about two months of continuous efforts the well was revived.

With silt and slush accumulated at the bottom of the well, groundwater recharging was being obstructed. As the first step, all the waste material and debris was removed. The well was dug a tad deeper and disinfected thereafter. Once the debris was removed, groundwater recharge was restored. The volunteers also installed a plumbing line, and water meter inside the well to measure water use.

"The well is 4x4 ft in diameter and 45 ft deep. It can hold about 3 lakh litres of water. After the restoration, over 65,000 litres of water has been used by the villagers so far.

> **"After restoration, over 65,000 litres of water has been used by the villagers so far..** — Saranya S, SayTrees

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Shoals gasping for air at Kothnur Lake raise alarm

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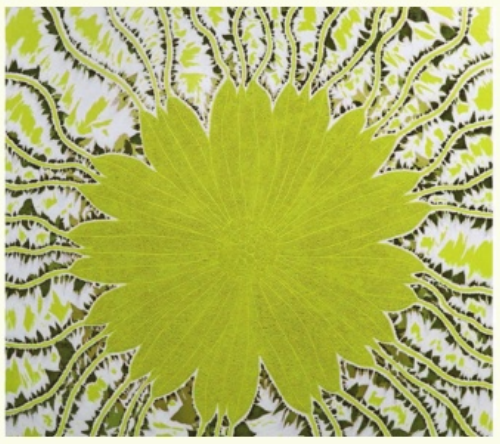

02 Reality re-imagined

Witness the amalgamation of art, nature and talent at Art Houz gallery. The art of Vijay Pichumani displayed here articulates with flowers the relationships between the personalities of different individuals.
When: Till August 6, 10:30 am - 6:30 pm
Where: Art Houz, 63, Palace Road; Tickets: Free

03 For all drama lovers

If you are looking forward to watching a good play and a fun evening, then this is the event for you. Aadhe Adhure is an iconic play written by the Late Mr Mohan Rakesh. The play deals with the strained relationships of a middle-class family.
When: August 7, 4:30 pm and 7:30 pm
Where: Kaladwarka, Koramangala Club, Bengaluru; Tickets: www.sabhankosh.co

City rolls up sleeves for non-covid shots

Many families start planning a separate budget for other vaccines

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The number of people taking vaccinations for diseases other than covid has increased since the pandemic hit the world. Many families have realised the importance of getting vaccinated for covid and non-covid diseases.

As the other vaccines are more expensive, most families have started to plan a separate budget for health expenses, especially for vaccines.

Rohan Shenoy, a resident of Lingarajapuram was advised by his general physician to get an influenza shot. The price of the shot is Rs 2300 and to get his four-member family vaccinated he spent nearly Rs 10,000.

"The emergence of covid 19, has definitely taught us how important one's health, be it adult or even children. As I work as an electrician, my monthly salary is not high. For people like us, it is difficult to get vaccines at private centres. However, I decided to save up and get flu shots for my entire family," he said.

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Flu shots missed, city catches bug this year
hospitals receiving 30-40 OPD cases a day; diarrhoea, vomiting, headache, sore throat, body pain, fever, headache, cough, among common symptoms

Bangalore Mirror recently reported on how July saw an uptick in the number of Influenza cases in the city

Shenoy is not the only one, Nishreen Ahmed, a resident from Frazer town also said that she calculated the cost of yearly vaccinations, and has decided to save up the amount. "Apart from getting health insurance for the family this year. I even decided to have the vaccinations sorted. As it is on an expensive end, many tend to avoid it. However, now we have decided to keep a separate budget for the same and get it done."

According to the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, flu vaccines cause antibodies to develop in the body about two weeks after vaccination. These antibodies protect against infection with circulating influenza viruses. Dr Sandeepa HS, Consultant, Interventional Pulmonologist, BGS Gleneagles Global Hospital pointed out the increasing awareness regarding the benefits of vaccination since the pandemic hit.

Doctors say that the most important vaccinations for adults are the ones against pneumococcal pneumonia

"The attitude of people towards vaccination is changing significantly, more and more people have started accepting and asking voluntarily for vaccination. Undoubtedly there has been a rise in the number of people getting vaccinated for non-covid respiratory illnesses like pneumonia and influenza," Sandeepa said.

She added that the most important vaccinations for adults are the ones against pneumococcal pneumonia, which is one of the most common and preventable causes of death in our country. "The vaccination against pneumococcal pneumonia is advised to all children during their routine vaccination schedule and is usually not necessary during their adulthood if they are fully vaccinated during their infancy. However, all healthy adults who are above 65 years and all adults with comorbidities like diabetes, immunosuppressive medications, and underlying lung diseases like asthma, COPD and bronchiectasis are advised to get vaccinated against pneumococcal pneumonia. The schedule is usually two shots of vaccine 5 years apart. Vaccination reduces the risk of invasive pneumococcal infection by 70 per cent."

> **"The attitude of people is changing, more people have started accepting and asking voluntarily for vaccination**
> – Dr Sandeepa HS, consultant

Dr Srikanta JT, Consultant, Paediatric Interventional Pulmonology and Sleep Medicine, Aster CMI Hospital disclosed that after the emergence of covid, the uptake of flu shots has gone up considerably, especially during the current season.

"Due to lockdown and care of contracting covid from both clinics and hospitals, most of the parents had given a miss to the vaccines. But with covid now becoming more or less endemic and all the economic activities open, parents are getting their kids vaccinated more or less on time. There are 6 killer diseases like diphtheria, pertussis etc and hence taking vaccines is crucial."

Folks meet Karnataka's first Orthobot

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AASRA group of hospitals in Bengaluru is the first hospital in Karnataka to get the Mako Orthobot, an advanced AI technology used to assist joint replacement surgeries. "MAKO robot is from a US-based company called Stryker which is also Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved. Only 1,500 centres across the world have this technology installed. In India, approximately 10 hospitals have it. The technology has been around for 15 years and it is proven for its precision surgeries," said Dr PC Jagdish, Chief Orthopaedic Surgeon and Director of Robotic Joint Replacement at AASRA.

Dr Jagdish explained how the robot helps in replacement surgeries. He said, "Conventionally when we do replacement surgeries, we get a lot of complications, in terms of getting proper alignment or in terms of other tissues getting injured. In conventional surgeries, the hospitalization of the patient is also longer and the pain is also prolonged. However, this does not happen in robotic surgeries because this robot involves 3D technology. It takes a 3D scan of the patient two days before the surgery, we then send it to the US for data analysis. They then map it with the patient's X-Ray."

The Mako Orthobot debuts at the AASRA group of Hospitals in Bengaluru

"For each patient, it tells exactly how to go about the surgery. The robot also has a GPS which tells us about the alignment. For example, some patients with arthritis might have protruding knees. With the robot, we can get it corrected with zero error as it is precision technology. It gives us clarity about exactly how much we should cut the bone with the use of haptic technology. For example, if a 2 mm cut is needed, it will cut precisely 2 mm, not more or less than that. The replacement is all about cutting the bone and putting the implant so if there is precision in the measurement, the implant will also be perfect and there will be longevity," Dr Jagdish further explained.

The hospital has been using the technology for nearly a month and has carried out around 50 joint replacement surgeries with absolutely no human errors.

Busted! City cops catch smugglers red-handed

City police bust an inter-state Red Sanders wood smuggling racket, making 5 arrests

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Around 1,693 kilograms of Red Sanders worth Rs 2.6 crore has been seized by the West Division police

West Division police busted an inter-state Red Sanders smuggling racket and arrested five people in two separate cases, seizing around 1,693 kilograms of Red Sanders worth Rs 2.6 crore.

These Red Sanders were stored inside a water-sump that was empty at the arrested person's house in Hesaraghatta and appeared to be of supreme quality from trees aged between forty and sixty years, city Police Commissioner CH Pratap Reddy said.

According to the preliminary investigation, the logs of Red Sanders have been smuggled into the city through village roads avoiding checkposts, with the accused carrying small-sized logs in a backpack or inside custom-made vehicles which concealed logs under the seat.

Based on credible information, Byatrayanapura and Soladevanahalli police conducted raids at two spots in the city and arrested five people. The accused were waiting for their clients to sell the wood pieces when a team of police led by Shankar Naik raided the New Timber Layout near Satellite Bus Stand. Vinod Rajendra was caught red-handed and 17 kilograms of Red Sanders was seized from his bike.

The Soladevanahalli policethen raided his house in Hesaraghatta and recovered 1,580 kilograms of Red Sanders. Inquiries revealed that he was part of an inter-state gang that operates in smuggling Red Sanders consignments from neighbouring Andhra Pradesh's Chittoor district. They sell the wood and profits are shared among associates. "At this point in time, the accused was only storing and watching the consignment, and we are yet to probe where it is destined to reach. The mastermind is on the run and yet to be traced," Reddy pointed out.

> **"The accused was only storing the consignment, and we are yet to probe where it is destined to reach** – CH Pratap Reddy, Police Commissioner

City police have also relayed case details to the Forest Department who will join hands with their information and inputs on the smuggling of Red Sanders into the city. Based on the accused's information, the police team also raided an underpass junction on NICE road - Nandi Link Road and arrested four persons. They recovered 113 kilograms of Red Sanders from them.

Investigation is on to determine the destination of the smuggled items.

Penchant for radical literature lands 2 delivery agents in jail

A day after the arrest of a 23-year-old food delivery executive, Akhtar Hussain, from his rented house in Tilak Nagar, CCB sleuths are probing his links and network. Hussain was staying with four friends from his hometown.

Although a high school drop-out, he was highly active on social media and was reportedly communicating with a terror group. CH Pratap Reddy, city Police Commissioner, said that preliminary investigation about two men arrested in the case revealed that they were enamoured by 'Jihadist literature'.

They were impressed by radical ideologies and were also part of a Telegram group where they had been active, Reddy said. Investigation so far has not revealed any of their subversive activities or plans, however. "We are finding their links and places they have possibly visited in the city, state and country. One guy was picked up from a rented house in Tilak Nagar where he was working as a delivery personnel and the other, Zuba, was picked up from Salem in Tamil Nadu by CCB," Reddy said.

As this has to be done in a joint-operation with help from other states' police, intricate information regarding the two arrested cannot be made public at this point of time, he added. Meanwhile, CCB officials are probing Akhtar's travel history and network. The officials suspect that Akhtar used to communicate with a group of people from Assam, West Bengal, and Tamil Nadu, through Telegram and Messenger.

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This underbridge seems to be nobody's business

BBMP, BSCL put onus of ill-maintained railway underbridge on each other

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The railway underbridge at Jayamahal Road and Millers Road intersection is nothing less than a dangerous thoroughfare for pedestrians.

The stretch is riddled with problems. While the underpass faces water logging repeatedly due to the onset of monsoon, there is no sidewalk for people to traverse the stretch. To make matters worse, the area became dark during the night, forcing pedestrians to use their phone flashlights to cross the underbridge.

"The underbridge is flooded with water up to one-and-a-half feet every time it rains. While there is another underbridge nearby, it has been kept blocked by the SWR. If this bridge is open for use, pedestrians will not have to struggle with traffic. When we took it up with the SWR officials, we were told the bridge is weak, which is why it has been blocked. If it is weak, how are trains moving?" asked Susan P, a resident of Millers Road.

Commuters also complain about the leaking roof of the underbridge.

"The ceiling of the underbridge is leaking and the slabs are uneven. There is water seepage in the ceiling and looks like it will crumble at any time. We had spotted this issue a year ago and raised our concerns with many officials in BSCL as well as BBMP, but no action has been taken yet. Even if a piece of concrete falls off on a car or a bike, a big accident can happen," complained another resident.

The railway underbridge at Jayamahal Road and Millers Road intersection gets flooded whenever it rains

> **The underbridge is flooded with water up to one-and-a-half feet every time it rains. Another underbridge nearby is blocked**
>
> – Susan P, Resident

Locals claim that the bridge is a part of the Bengaluru Smart City's Millers Road project.

However, according to a BSCL official, the underbridge is out of their reach and falls under BBMP's work area.

"BBMP has to take a call and manage that space. We cannot provide a footpath there. While the residents complained to BSCL officials about the sad state of affairs of the underbridge and BSCL officials reached out to SWR officials, they are not willing to take it up. It should be taken up by BBMP officials and SWR officials have to give consent for any work to happen there," said a BSCL official.

Dr do-little visits Utility Building

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After BM reported on the neglected state of the Public Utility building, BBMP officials replaced broken bathroom doors. However, shop owners say that apart from that, no other issues have been fixed.

The building was facing multiple issues including inadequate parking spaces, water seepage, broken bathroom doors, holes in the ceiling, and exposed wiring.

Shop owners are suffering due to lack of attention from civic authorities despite several pleas. They allege that the BBMP has only made minor fixes while the actual state of the bathroom remains the same. With the bathroom doors fixed, the nightmare inside has been forgotten.

"Three days after the report, BBMP fixed 4 bathroom doors. Not much else has happened," a shop owner told BM.

Just doors of restrooms replaced, but inside scene remains pitiable

According to BBMP, funds have not been allocated for repair work, and the onus of repairing the building remains with the Public Utility Building Traders Association.

Speaking to BM, BBMP EE, Raveendra (East Projects), said, "The ground and first floor are being maintained by the association members. There were a couple of broken doors and they were replaced. It's the duty of the association members to maintain it. Only structural maintenance will fall on BBMP. "

Commenting on a part of the building that still has a hole in the ceiling, Raveendra added that he was not aware of the situation and will look into it immediately.

"We are in the process of replacing the water-line. Being a high-rise and a very old building, this is a difficult project and will take time. The duct is very small and provides very little space for plumbers to get in. Currently, work is undergoing on the 15th and 16th floor," he added.

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Iconic landmark at the heart of Bengaluru now a testimony of apathy and sheer neglect of urban civic administration
FUTILITY BUILDING
25-storey public utility building infra in shambles

BM's report on July 10

The Public Utility Building is a 25-storey building along Mahatma Gandhi Road constructed in 1970 with the ground and first floors being occupied by sundry merchants. The remaining floors are occupied by BBMP offices. In the good old days, the building was a centre for traders and shoppers, but now they struggle to find even a few customers due to poor maintenance.

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Move your tables
Jayanagar

There are hotel tables on the pavement and a generator on the road on 30th Cross, 4th Block, next to Jayanagar police station.

Road or dumpyard?
Gollahalli Road

Road conditions in Gollahalli Road, City Phase 1 are pathetic with garbage all around.

Rain impact
Sahakarnagar

This is what happens after rain here. This is near Ganesha temple intersection of 13th Main Road and 11th Cross, Sahakarnagar.

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Stop the fish kill, while there's time

Noticing shoals of fish gasping for air on surface of Kothnur Lake, residents raise alarm

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Yet another episode of fish kill is waiting to happen in Kothnur lake in JP Nagar if no action is taken, warn residents of the area and lake activists. This, after locals, while on their morning walks at the lake on Monday, noticed shoals of fish gasping for air on the surface of the water body.

"I could see schools of fish coming to the water surface and gasping for air. They were doing that for almost 15 seconds before getting back inside the water, only to resurface again for oxygen. This implies the lake is receiving sewage water once again, reducing the oxygen level inside the waterbody," said Raghavendra B Pachapur, a lake activist in the area.

The last fill kill incident in Kothnur lake was reported in April after a large number of fish died due to sewage entering the lake days before the incident.

The lake was handed over to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) a few years ago by BDA and the water body was revived as well. It has two inlets that are meant to carry only the rainwater. However, according to the residents, sewage is flowing in the water body through both the inlets currently.

"The good thing about this lake is that it can only receive rainwater if maintained well. It is one of the higher gradient lakes. Thus, there is little chance of spillover from the nearby drainage. Moreover, due to a well-networked underground drainage system, the stormwater drains carry only the rainwater. Unless the BWSSB workers are doing some work and letting all the sewage flow into the stormwater drain, this cannot happen," said Natraj S, another resident.

Several fish were seen coming up for air in Kothnur Lake in JP Nagar, where in April a large number of fish died due to sewage entering the lake

"As per a recent study, over the last five years, lakes in B'luru had 32 fish kill episodes and for 51% of this, sewage was the reason. This year alone, we have seen nine fish kills

The lake activists now have decided to reach out to the Karnataka Pollution Control Board and get the water quality of the lake tested.

According to the activists, the BBMP should develop a monitoring mechanism to identify sewage entry into the lakes in the city. Increasing the role of guards in monitoring vulnerable points of the lake is one possible way to do so, say the experts.

The locals claim that their complaints about sewage water entering the lake in the past have not been attended to by the BBMP and BWSSB officials.

"We have brought it to the notice of BWSSB officials in the past and have warned them of impending danger. The BBMP is the custodian of the lake but they do not have any monitoring system in place. We have raised the issue of drains choking with sewage too. BWSSB needs to be much more sensitive to raw sewage flow into the lake and it needs to monitor the UGD network and investigate further.

Yet another episode of raw sewage flow to the lake can lead to Fishkill beyond doubt. As per a recent study by ActionAid Association, over the last five years, lakes in Bengaluru have seen 32 fishkill and for 51% of which, sewage was the reason. This year alone, we have witnessed nine fish kills," added Pachapur.

According to the BBMP officials, while sewage has been entering the waterbody again, officials have been alerted and the situation should improve within a couple of days.

"We have spoken to the BWSSB officials, and we are told that the sewage flow has been taken care of. The inlets of the Kothnur lake although should carry only rainwater, sewage is entering due to the lack of maintenance of sewage pipelines by the BWSSB. We are facing this issue across all the lakes revived by BBMP. While we have deployed home guards at lakes who take action immediately, BWSSB should ensure that sewage does not enter lakes," said a BBMP official.

Twitter says blocking order will shut its biz; HC issues notice to Centre

Karnataka High Court on Tuesday issued a notice to the ruling BJP government at the Centre in connection with the order asking to block nearly 1,100 Twitter accounts by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

The single division bench headed by Justice Krishna S. Dixit gave the order after the arguments by senior counsel Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for Twitter, explained that if the blocking order continues, the whole business of Twitter will close. For the accounts to be blocked, as per rules reasons have to be recorded and given to the microblogging platform which is not being done.

The petitioner (Twitter) is answerable to account holders for blocking their accounts, he submitted.

The bench posted the matter for hearing on August 25, and assured to consider the plea by the counsel of the central government to make the hearing in-camera.

Twitter had submitted in its petition that blocking orders by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeiTY) under IT Act are demonstrating excessive use of powers and disproportionate.

The microblogging platform contended that, MeiTY has served a notice warning serious consequences of non-compliance of blocking orders. The notice has also warned of criminal proceedings and stated that it would be a lost opportunity if not complied with the orders of blocking accounts. **– IANS**

Poultry industry calls claims made about eggs, chicken in NEP paper misleading

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After a group of doctors from the state demanded the withdrawal of an NEP position paper by a professor of NIMHANS on Health and Well Being for being outdated and unscientific, the Institute of Veterinarians of Poultry Industry have shot off a letter stating that eggs are highly beneficial so there must be a stop to spread of unscientific claims about it.

Prof. G. Devegowda, President, Institution of Veterinarians of Poultry Industry (IVPI), stated that paper by Dr. John Vijay Sagar, Professor and Head of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, NIMHANS is not based on any scientific evidence.

IVPI says eggs are a nutritional powerhouse, providing critical nutrients including protein, choline, riboflavin (vitamin B2), vitamin B12, biotin (B7), pantothenic acid (B5), iodine and selenium, that are valuable for supporting muscle and bone health,

brain development and more.

The letter says that the issues highlighted in the paper are unscientific and misleading consumers about consumption of chicken and eggs. "It is totally unfounded to attribute health issues such as early puberty among girls/male impotence to consumption of chicken and eggs. The truth is that no hormones or steroids are injected or fed to hen to increase the egg number/ body weight. Poultry farmers associations have announced a reward of Rs. 20 lakh if anyone shows the usage of hormones in any farm in India," said the letter signed by Prof Devegowda.

IVPI also called the claim of the 'ill-effects' of eating eggs leading to 'lifestyle disorder' including diabetes, far from the truth. "Eggs are good for diabetic people, because it contains very low level of carbohydrate - less than 1%," said Devegowda.

IVPI disclosed some statistics: 36% children below 5 years are underweight and 38% are stunted. "Children and adults with protein deficiency succumb easily to infections. Every meal should have adequate amount of protein, vitamins, minerals and other nutrients. Eggs are good for all age groups, especially for children and mother. Chicken being rich in vitamin B6 plays an important role in preventing cardiac arrest,"said IVPI in their statement.

Members of IVPI urged the government to ignore such motivated statements.

War on cybercrime: Cops and influencers unite

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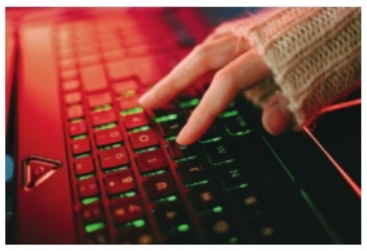
Owing to the growing cybercrime in the city, the cybercrime police are planning to rope in social media influencers with a good following to spread awareness modus operandi of cyber crooks.

Many citizens are targeted every day, but most choose not to complain to the police feeling embarrassed and ashamed. The cyber cops, for this reason, had even started an awareness campaign on how to approach the police through Namma Dial - 112 and report the crime. They can secure the cheated amount within the Golden Hour.

"It would be a win-win situation for both the police department as well for the social media influencers as social media influencers get recognized and acknowledged by the police department and their followers who consume the content will accept it as credible and legitimate, and secondly the awareness of cybercrimes is spread to a wider audience through social media," said a senior police officer.

According to the office of the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Command Centre, content in the form of short films, Youtube shots, and Instagram reels, relating to cyber fraud activities could be provided by the police department if needed. Social media influencers can use their creativity to spread awareness to their followers about the growing menace of cybercrimes in the city. This campaign by the city police is in continuation with an awareness campaign called Raju and the forty thieves, initiated by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to save

Content posted by influencers will be in form of Youtube shorts, Instagram reels, short videos, and short films



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The booklet - Raju and the forty thieves, with pictorial representations, has 40 stories of various modus operandi of cyber frauds and was initially started in Maharashtra and Goa to spread financial literacy, especially for the ones who have just gotten into the digital finance world and are not so well-versed with the Dos and Don'ts. By roping in social media influencers, the city cyber crime police believe that they can reach out to a wider audience and create awareness which is pretty much lacking.

The contents that would be posted by influencers can be in the form of short story formats, Youtube shots, Instagram reels, short videos, and short films with easily decipherable information relating to different types of cybercrimes.

The cybercrime police department and the office of the DCP command centre is now shortlisting some of the prominent social media influencers to join hands with.

Get to work on time: CS diktat to govt employees

Activists welcome move; say government offices need more accountability

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All the State Government employees have to be in the office by 10 am, those failing will face the music from their superiors. Chief Secretary Vandita Sharma issued a diktat on Monday.

The note issued by the CS stated, "Many people travel from long distances to visit the government offices for various works. There have been instances that people find the employees missing from their seats or arriving late. Hence, a reminder is being issued for all the government employees to be in the office by 10 am without fail and have to stay in the office till their shift ends. In case of any important work which mandates the employees to move out of their place, then they have to take prior permission from their higher-ups and also enter the details in a specific ledger. Disciplinary action will be taken against those employees who are turning late to work or leaving office early or not in their seats without a valid reason."

Welcoming the move, Krishna R, a citizen activist said, "We definitely need accountability in government offices. We always wonder when there is so much efficiency in the corporate sector due to discipline, appraisal and other corporate rules, we find it missing in a few government offices. Hence, all the government employees must follow the rules strictly."

Though the government employees welcome the move, they say that most of the employees are working 'more than expected time'.

State Government Employees Association President CS Shadakshari said, "We have always been following the official time of work between 10 am to 5.30 pm. A reminder has been sent for effective implementation of the budget and other things. However, we have always been seriously staying during office hours and working efficiently. However, I want to draw everyone's attention who is reading this article that many government employees work from 9 am to 9 pm. Many are forced to complete the pending work even at home or work on holidays also as there is so much work to do."

Disciplinary action will be taken against those who are turning up late to work or leaving office early

'Not opposing photo or videography in govt offices'

The State Government had recently issued a controversial order banning photo/videography in government offices. However, facing flak from public and citizen activists, the government had withdrawn the order at midnight. State Government Employees Association President CS Shadakshari said that there was no opposition from the employees on photography/videography in the offices.

However, the controversies continued as the withdrawal order was full of grammatical mistakes and then another note was issued correcting the grammatical mistakes. Reacting to the order, Shadashari said, "I want to clarify the issue as we were not opposing the photo/videography. However, some people were trying to extort our government employees in the guise of video graphing and blackmailing. There were 15 FIRs registered. There can be instances where employees could have gone to attend court or have been away to meet ministers or other officials. Videos were shot and uploaded on Youtube saying that they are not on their desk. We only oppose these kinds of issues."

> **Many govt employees have to work from 9 am to 9 pm. They are forced to finish work on holidays too**
>
> – CS Shadakshari, State Govt Employees Association

The work pressure on government employees is higher due to a large number of vacancies. For example, in Karnataka, more than 2.6 lakh vacancies are yet to be filled. If we compare Karnataka (According to the 2011 census-61,095,297) and Rajasthan (68,548,437), the population is more or less similar. However, there are only 5.2 lakh government employees in Karnataka. Now, with comparatively lesser manpower, our efficiency is better than many other state governments, he added.

IN BRIEF

POCSO case against priest

The East Zone women police station, on Friday, registered a case under Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) and also under rape and outraging the modesty of a women, against a priest and teacher among eight other people for committing the offence in the church premises when the victim was 10 years old.

The victim who is now 20 years was losing mental peace due to the repeated sexual assaults. She shared this with her sister who complained to the NHRC. The Commissioner of police directed the Yelahanka police to investigate. However, the police issued summons to the victim give statement within three days failing which they threatened to close the case. Worried about the development, the victim with the help of advocates and a social activist approached the DCP East division office, who directed the East zone women police to register a case and investigate.

Edu dept revises minimum age

The minimum age limit to get admission in Class 1 in Karnataka has been changed to 6 years, as per a public instruction released by the education department. The child must be a minimum of 6 years of age as of June 1 to get admission, but, the rule is currently only applicable to prospective students. In 2017, the age for admission in Class 1 in Karnataka was established to be 5 years 10 months which was later changed to 5 years 5 months in 2018. The rule is in sync with the RTE rules as well as the new National Education Policy. 21 other states of India have already implemented it, claimed education department officials.

Criticising the move, educationist D Shashi Kumar said, "The education department has created confusion. It is already two months into academic year and now it will affect a lot of students. We request the education department to defer the implementation for next year."

Revived well benefits 150 households

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The clean water is now used for drinking and other daily use. The villagers are very happy as they used to get water only twice a week. Clean International helped in generating funds for the revival of the well," Saranya S, head of corporate communications and monitoring, SayTrees, told BM.

The well has been closed with a mesh now so that no waste material or plastic is dumped inside further on. A separate tank-like structure is set up adjacent to the well to store water where livestock can drink.

One of the villagers, Hemavathi*, said: "We have had great difficulty in sourcing water for daily use. This well has been here for years and people used to drink from it. But over the years it almost dried up. However, we did not demolish the well and just left it open. Many used to dumb plastic waste into it. When the volunteers approached and discussed how to revive it, we readily agreed; now we are able to use the water everyday. It has been useful for every household as we do not have to be dependent on the tap water supply twice a week."

(*name changed)

HDK says son Nikhil won't contest Assembly polls

JD(S) leader HD Kumaraswamy on Tuesday said his son and party youth wing president Nikhil Kumaraswamy will not be contesting the assembly polls in Karnataka, which is due next year.

The former state chief minister said the 32-year-old actor-turned politician, who is the grandson of former prime minister H D Deve Gowda, will work towards the party's victory.

"Who said Nikhil will contest? He has decided to work towards organising the party in about 30-40 constituencies. Nikhil will not contest assembly polls," Kumaraswamy said.

There were some speculations in the party circles that Kumaraswamy may shift to Ramanagara and give up his Channapatna seat to make way for Nikhil, while his wife Anita Kumaraswamy, who currently represents Ramanagara, may not contest the polls.

According to some party leaders, Nikhil is said to be more interested in fighting and winning the next Lok Sabha polls from Mandya.

Nikhil lost the 2019 Lok Sabha poll from the party bastion of Mandya to BJP-backed independent candidate Sumalatha Ambareesh, an actor-turned politician. JD(S) had fought the previous Lok Sabha polls in alliance with the Congress, as both parties were then running a coalition government, with Kumaraswamy as the Chief Minister.

The talk about Nikhil not contesting the polls has come as JD(S) often faces criticism for "dynasty politics", with it even being called a "family party", as at least eight members from party patriarch Deve Gowda's immediate family are into politics.

As it aims to independently form a government this time, the JD(S) has set a target of winning 123 out of 224 seats in the assembly polls.

Kumaraswamy had recently predicted the possibility of an early assembly election in Karnataka, saying it could be held in December this year. PTI

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Sonia quizzed for 6 hours, asked to come back today

Congress president called again to ED office for questioning in National Herald case

#New Delhi

Congress president Sonia Gandhi was on Tuesday questioned by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) for the second day in less than a week in the National Herald case. She left the ED office here after around six hours of questioning.

Sources said she has been asked to reappear tomorrow in ED in the case. The Congress president was earlier questioned in the case on July 21.

Earlier on Tuesday, the Congress chief appeared before the ED for the second round of questioning. She rejoined the questioning after lunch. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi along with several party leaders was detained by Delhi Police on Tuesday at Vijay Chowk during MPs' march to Rashtrapati Bhavan to protest against over "misuse of agencies" by the government.

Around 50 MPs along with Rahul Gandhi were detained from the North fountain near Parliament.

The ED had earlier summoned Sonia Gandhi on June 1 to appear on June 8 in connection with alleged money laundering in the National Herald case.

Sonia Gandhi could not appear for questioning on June 8 after testing positive and being hospitalised for COVID-19. The Congress leader had developed a mild fever on June 1 evening and was found COVID-19 positive upon testing the next morning.

After her discharge from the hospital, she had asked for more time to appear before the agency.

Last month the ED also questioned Rahul Gandhi for five days in the National Herald case.

The case to investigate alleged financial irregularities under the PMLA was registered about nine months ago after a trial court took cognisance of an Income Tax department probe carried out on the basis of a private criminal complaint filed by former Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP Subramanian Swamy in 2013.

The petitioner had approached the court alleging that the assets of Associated Journals Limited (AJL), which published the National Herald newspaper, were fraudulently acquired and transferred to Young Indian Pvt Limited (YIL), in which Sonia Gandhi and her son owned 38 per cent shares each.

The YIL promoters include Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi. Swamy had alleged that the Gandhis cheated and misappropriated funds, with YIL paying only Rs 50 lakh to obtain the right to recover Rs 90.25 crore that AJL owed to Congress.

Congress argued that YIL is a not-for-profit company under Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956 that can neither accumulate profits nor pay dividends to its shareholders. Calling it a case of political vendetta, Supreme Court advocate and Congress leader Abhishek Singhvi had said, "This is truly a very weird case -- an alleged money laundering case on which summons are issued with no money involved." **– ANI**

Police detain Congress MP Rahul Gandhi during a protest march against ED's interrogation of Sonia Gandhi on Tuesday

Meghalaya BJP leader on the run arrested in UP

#Shillong

Meghalaya BJP vice-president Bernard N Marak who is accused of operating a sex racket at his farmhouse in the state was arrested in Uttar Pradesh on Tuesday, a senior Police officer said. Marak, a former militant leader, is absconding following a police raid at the farmhouse at Tura in the state's West Garo Hills district, from where six minors were rescued and 73 people were arrested on Saturday. "Bernard N Marak alias Rimpu has been arrested in Uttar Pradesh. A team is being sent there to bring him to Tura," district Superintendent of Police Vivekanand Singh told PTI.

Hours after the authorities in Meghalaya issued a look out notice against him, Marak was arrested in Hapur district by the UP police, Singh said. A look out notice is issued to make sure that a wanted person is not able to leave the country.

A court in Tura had on Monday issued a non-bailable warrant of arrest against the BJP leader. The BJP is a part of the state's ruling Meghalaya Democratic Alliance (MDA), led by Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma's NPP. Police said that the BJP vice president was instructed to cooperate with the investigation and surrender at Shillong Sadar police station but he was evading arrest. **– PTI**

Nod to arms procurement proposals worth ₹28,732 cr

#New Delhi

The defence ministry on Tuesday approved the procurement of military equipment and weapons worth Rs 28,000 crore, including swarm drones and close-quarter battle carbines, to bolster the overall combat prowess of the armed forces along the northern and western borders.

The procurement proposals were cleared by the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) headed by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

"The Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) for capital acquisition proposals of the armed forces amounting to Rs 28,732 crore were accorded by the DAC," the defence ministry said in a statement.

The approval to the new procurement proposals came amid India's lingering border row with China in eastern Ladakh. The ministry said the approval to procure four lakh close-quarter battle carbines was granted to combat the "current complex paradigm of conventional and hybrid warfare" and terrorism at the borders. "To combat the current complex paradigm of conventional and hybrid warfare and counter-terrorism at the borders, AoN for induction of approx. 4 lakh of close quarter battle carbines for the services have also been accorded by the DAC," it said.

The ministry said the decision is set to provide a major impetus to the small arms manufacturing industry in the country and enhance "Atmanirbharta" (self-reliance) in small arms.

"Considering the demand for enhanced protection against the threat of enemy snipers to our troops deployed along the Line of Control, and in close combat operations in counter-terrorism scenario, the DAC accorded AoN for bulletproof jackets with Indian Standard BIS VI level of protection," it said. **– PTI**

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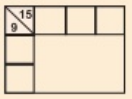
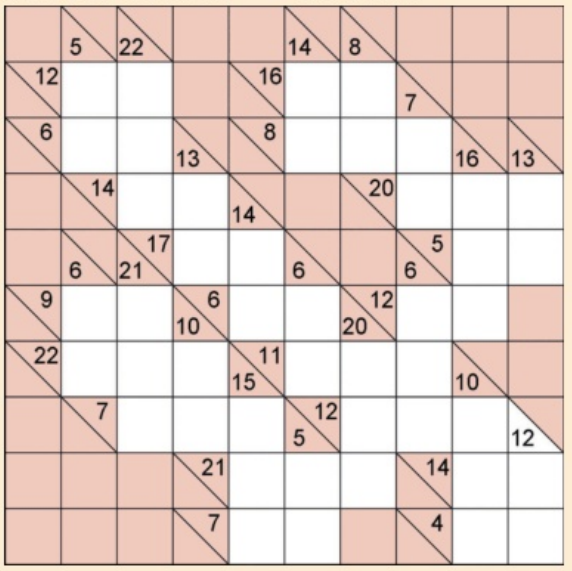


The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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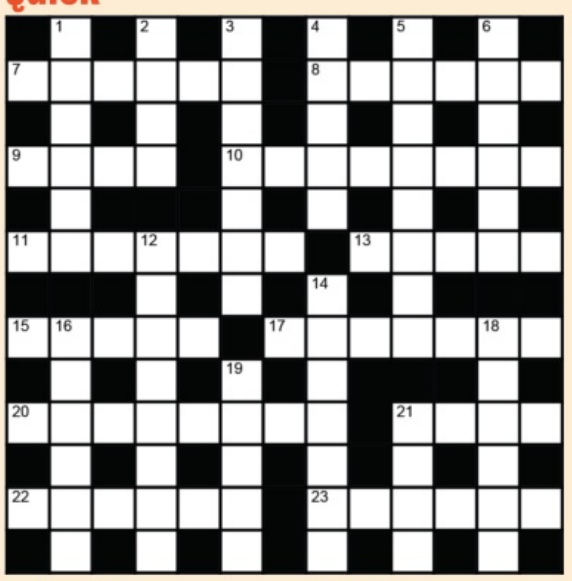

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7 Vedic god (6)
8 Bangalore's favourite beverage (6)
9 Fail to hit (4)
10 Belongings (8)
11 Spanish-like language (7)
13 Yearned (5)
15 Make parallel (5)
17 Estimating (7)
20 Overrun, crush or intimidate (8)
21 Read superficially (4)
22 Sharper (6)
23 Tastelessly showy (6)

DOWN

1 Playback singer ___ Krishnamoorthy (6)
2 ___ through : completes successfully? (4)
3 Ex-Tennis ace Pete ___ (7)
4 Offshoot (5)
5 Making available (8)
6 Lounge or sofa (6)
12 Ms Jolie of Hollywood (8)
14 Start an airplane journey (4,3)
16 Actions speak ___ than words? (6)
18 Whinnies (6)
19 Grieve (5)
21 A pretence (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: N EQUALS G

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Loop

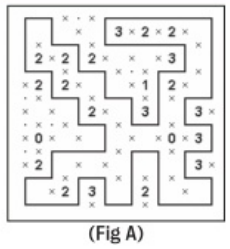
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



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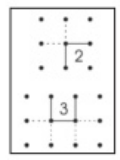

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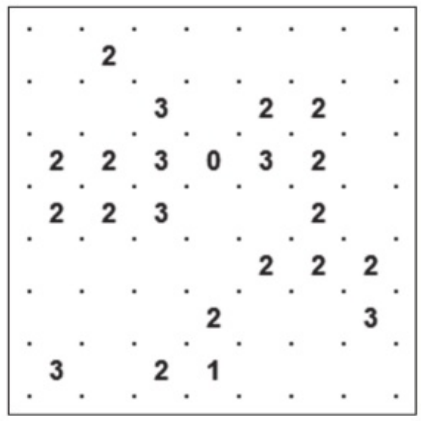
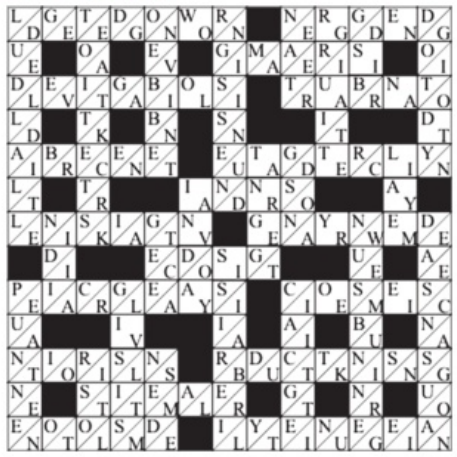


Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4	5
6				
7				
8				Y
9				

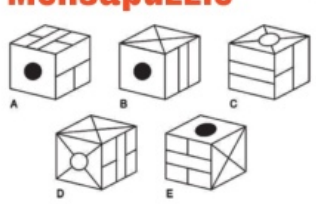
ACROSS

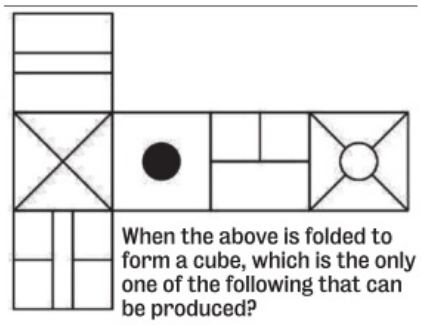
1 Croat; 6 Ave we;
7 Dante; 8 Tyson;
9 So Hue

DOWN

1 Haw as; 2 Conte;
3 Out at; 4 No Ves;
5 Reedy

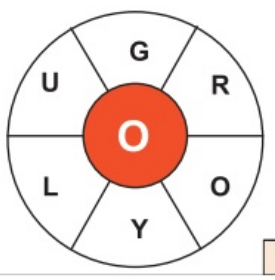
Mensapuzzle





When the above is folded to form a cube, which is the only one of the following that can be produced?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; 05 Good; 07 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

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	2	5						8
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		1				6		
	4		9		5			
	1			3			9	
3						7	6	
	9				6	8		3

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

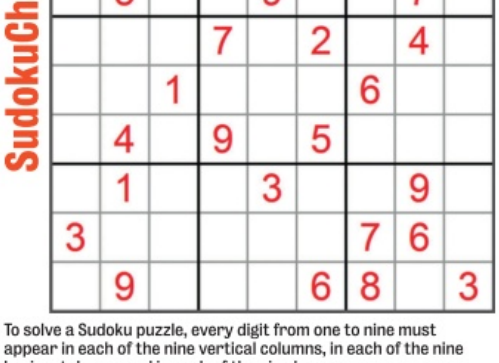
Easy = 9
3 3 6 9

Medium = 1
2 3 7 9

Hard = 22
2 5 9 4

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



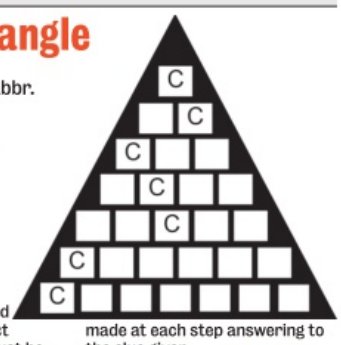
Differences: 1. Man is moved. 2. Leg is moved. 3. Purse in window is moved. 4. Hand is not showing. 5. Hat is different. 6. Letter is larger.

Riddler

What starts with a T, ends with a T, and has T in it?

Alpha triangle

1 Vitamin type
2 Air conditioner, abbr.
3 Lincoln or Ford
4 Dueler's pride
5 Academy Award
6 Shiploads
7 Mountain lions



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

TAKE A GOOD LOOK, POKEY...THOSE ARE PALEFACES DOWN THERE
HOW COME PALEFACES DON'T WEAR FEATHERS?
5-13
THEY PROBABLY HAVEN'T FIGURED OUT HOW TO MAKE THEM WITH CHEAP POLYESTER YET

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

EXCUSE ME...
IS THIS WHERE THE GORGEOUS HUMAN BEINGS CLUB MEETS?
YOU'RE ASKING FOR A FRIEND, RIGHT?
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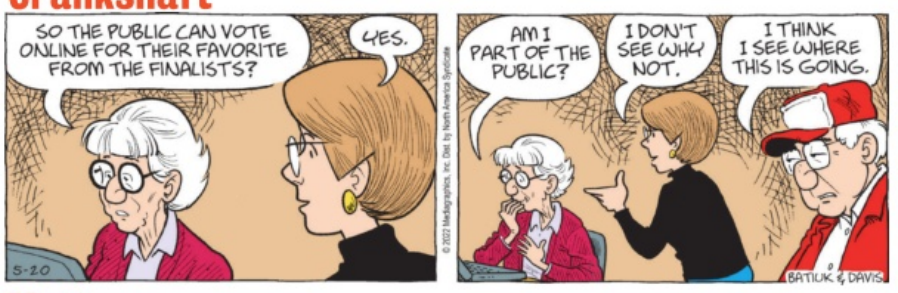
Hart of the city

IT'S COOL! DANA KNOWS WHAT WE'RE DOING!
IT WASN'T SO COOL WHEN SHE TRIED TO BREAK UP OUR FRIENDSHIP.
CHARLOTTE'S RIGHT. YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO BE NICER IF YOU'RE GONNA JOIN US.
FINE. I'M SORRY FOR ALMOST BREAKING UP YOUR FRIENDSHIP.
SEE, ISN'T BEING NICE... NICE?
I COULD TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT.

Crankshaft


SO THE PUBLIC CAN VOTE ONLINE FOR THEIR FAVORITE FROM THE FINALISTS?
YES.
AM I PART OF THE PUBLIC?
I DON'T SEE WHY NOT.
I THINK I SEE WHERE THIS IS GOING.
5-20
BATIUK & DAVIS

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you are blessed by the moon and mars. You may be enthusiastic. You are likely to start some new innovations in business, which may grow in the near future. You could plan to renovate your house or office with the help of your creativity. Your network may become strong now.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you may be busy with family matters. You are likely to hear some good news from your family members. You may also be occupied with your kids. You could plan for their academics. Children's health is likely to be under control. You are advised to be polite with people, otherwise you may face some harsh arguments.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you may be happier. You may have internal vitality which can boost your self-confidence. You are advised to avoid delays in making decisions in terms of finances, profession, and academics. Sometimes, you may face self-respect issues with your spouse. You are advised to keep patience, which may help maintain domestic harmony. Love birds may go for short trips.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today is not a good day for you. You may feel dull and dissatisfied every moment. You could be a victim of conspiracy. You are advised to be careful in terms of hidden enemies and opponents. You are advised to avoid harsh speaking, otherwise you may face some litigation. You should avoid investments in risky assets.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you may become happy. You may be enthusiastic and might start new partnerships which can help you grow your business. Seniors may appreciate your dedication towards work. You are likely to get promotions in your current job. You may get incentives in terms of rewards. Job seekers can expect to get a new job. Singles are likely to find their soulmate.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you may be busy at work. Your focus towards your goals may be tested many times. Your patience may help you achieve your goals on time. Your dedication towards work may be tested many times. You are likely to get rewards as a result of hard work. You are likely to make investments in fixed assets.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today your destiny may help you get success in an easy way. You might visit a spiritual place seeking peace. You may spend your time learning something intellectual or gaining occult knowledge. Students may do better. Singles are likely to find a good match. Lovebirds can make important decisions in terms of marriage.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you may feel dull. It is advised to be careful about opponents and rivals. You are advised to avoid arguments with seniors. Investments in fixed assets are advised to postpone for a while as they might convert to losses. Lovebirds are advised to avoid discussions on worthless topics to maintain harmony in relationships.

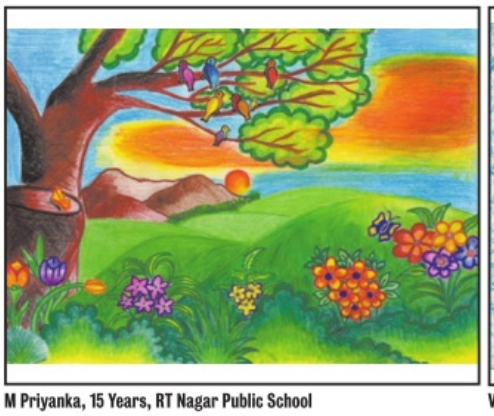
Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you may enjoy with family. You may spend some romantic moments with your spouse, which will boost understanding. You are likely to spend money on buying artefacts or household items to renovate your house. You may enjoy parties and events. You are advised to read documents carefully before making any investments in fixed assets.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may feel happy and energetic. You may explore and analyse yourself, which may give you confidence. You are likely to be able to face any type of challenge. This can make you fearless and courageous. You are advised to keep patience in terms of making financial decisions in business. Lovebirds may enjoy happy moments.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today is a good day for you. Your enthusiasm may be at peak. You need to regulate it. Self-analysis can help you get confidence, which may increase your prestige in society. You will resolve many problems with the help of your communication skills. Investors are advised to avoid speculation before making investments. You may also plan for higher studies for a good career.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you may not be able to enjoy your work life or family life. You are advised to avoid arrogance and ego with your spouse, otherwise it may affect your emotional bonding. Problems in partnerships are likely to be resolved. Singles are advised to avoid hurrying before making decisions related to marriage. With the help of patience, you may come out of the messy situation.

KIDZONE



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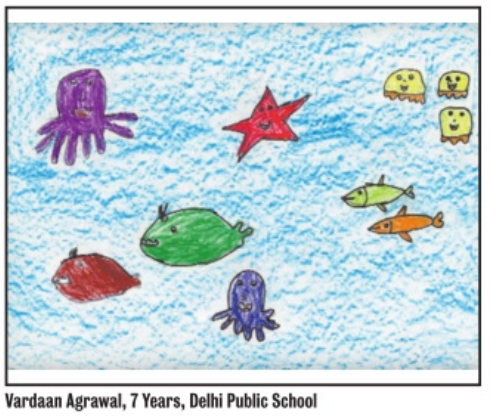

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SOLUTIONS

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256-128+¼*4
128+1
=129

BULL'S EYE
glory, gory, gyro, logo, orgy, UROLOGY, your

RIDDLER A teapot

QUOTE UNCODE
The dog commends himself to our favour by affording play to our propensity for mastery.

FAST FIVE

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SUDOKU

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9	2	5	6	7	1	4	3	8
7	6	8	4	5	3	9	1	2

ALPHA TRIANGLE
C, AC, Car, Scar, Oscar, Cargos, Cougars.

GO FIGURE
Easy
3 – 6 + 9 + 3 = 9
Medium
9 – 7 – 3 + 2 = 1
Hard
4 x 2 + 9 + 5 = 22

LOOP

KAKURO

MENSA PUZZLE
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 # Ashton in the '90s

Hollywood star Ashton Kutcher is set to return for the spinoff of 'That '70's Show' on Netflix titled 'That '90's Show'. It was really nostalgic to be back on the set," Kutcher told Variety

INTERVIEW

SINI SHETTY, MODEL

KAUSHIK JN

Sini walks in beauty

Newly-crowned Femina Miss India World talks about inclusivity in the pageantry industry, concept of beauty and future plans

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Back in lockdown days, when Sini Shetty was making dance videos and posting them on social media, she had no clue that her passion for dancing would bring her to where she is today.

The newly-crowned Femina Miss India Sini Shetty addressed the press on Monday in the city.

Calling herself a student of life, she said, "The two words that I go by are curiosity and confidence. I was curious about where my life is going and then Femina Miss India came along. Ten days later I got a call saying that I might need grooming. The forty-day pageant was amazing, every one of my sisters was worthy. By God's grace, I am here."

As for her future plans, she said her focus right now for her is Miss World. She said, "My main focus is Miss World, my whole agenda is to represent Karnataka and India's unique culture as best as I can on a global level."

Shetty was born in Mumbai and has spent most of her time with her grandmother in Karnataka.

In an exclusive conversation with Bangalore Mirror, Shetty talked about her future plans and the pageantry industry.

This is a stirring debate in the pageantry industry, is it inclusive enough, is it giving space to women of every colour, shape and size. What are your thoughts on it?

I think back to when pageants started; they had certain criteria to get in but now if you notice, it is changing. The height criterion has become 5'3 from 5'7 now. If you notice I don't have a structured face, I am quite raw right now. I think they are evolving day and night, they are now looking for real women. We had a few people from other states who were 5'3. I can't say that it has changed totally but yes it is evolving. I am sure in the future this industry is going to be more and more inclusive. I had a friend who was beautiful but was 5'4 and she couldn't enter the pageant but now that has changed.

When you say beautiful, do you think our society has a somewhat flawed definition of beauty? What is beauty for you?

Beauty is having the best personality; to me, it is understanding who people are. It is not only looking pretty but being presentable. If you sit somewhere, people should notice you and address you not just as beautiful, but as beauty with humility and a good personality. And brains of course.

As you said your goal is Miss World now. In a country like India where culture changes every 20 km, how are you planning to inculcate the variety of cultures in you and represent it at a global level?

I believe in buckets; they are infinity loops that you find. I am a work in progress for now but in short, I am trying to create infinity loops for India. They have been into art, culture, religion, dance, music, food, and tourism. I am trying to find one unified point and find my zone where my representation of this country would be perfect.

Now that you have a good following on social media, you have a platform, what will you say to all young people out there?

I want to say to everyone that the world tries to define you and your values in a certain way. Find yours on your own, and try to find your own meaning to it.

As for her plans for the future, she said she would grab whatever opportunity comes her way. She aspires to enter the entertainment industry. "Whether it is Sandalwood, Bollywood or Hollywood, whatever the best opportunity is, I'll grab it," she said.

From ad films to the big screen

Saravanan Arul aka Legend Saravanan is a Chennai-based businessman, who will take a plunge into the world of films and that too as a hero with the movie The Legend. Savaranan has acting experience, but in ad films to promote his retail business. It is said it began, when a popular hero did not turn up to act in an ad film and Saravanan had to step in. But, the road has led to this film role.

"I am confident The Legend will be a success at the box office because of its content. It has the potential to attract repeat audiences. The Regional Censor Board too gave it a U-certificate without recommending a single cut or muting a single dialogue. The Legend has no violence or obscenities. I have tried my best to do justice to my character," Saravnan said.

Urvashi Rautela who plays the female lead thanked director duo JD and Jerry not only for selecting her but also for helping her to understand the Tamil dialogues. Urvashi is happy that she has realised her ambition of becoming a scientist (at least on the screen) with this movie. Urvashi has acted in Kannada movie Airavata alongside Challenging Star Darshan. "I like Darshan because he was my co-star in my debut movie in Kannada. I want to share screen space with Yash in future. I am craving to act in Kannada movies and talks are in progress for two to three movies but nothing is finalised so far," said Uravashi.

Raai Lakshmi, Saravanan Arul and Urvashi Rautela at an event to promote The Legend

Vijayakumar, Prabhu, Vivek, Suman, Nassar and Livingstoneplay important roles in this film.

—Y Maheswara Reddy

Stalker in 2-day police custody

ETimes has uncovered details about struggling actor Manvinder Singh, who had been threatening to kill Vicky Kaushal and was stalking Katrina Kaif. After he was arrested, he was presented before the court on Tuesday. The 25-year-old stalker has been sent to police custody till July 28.

Singh hails from Lucknow and was arrested from his home in Santacruz. He was a fan of Katrina Kaif and would often share edited pictures of himself and the actress on social media. The struggling actor had been making online threats to the couple and started making calls to Vicky-Katrina recently. After Vicky gave a written complaint, an FIR was registered against Manvinder Singh. "Kaushal said the man told him that he wanted to marry the actress. The actor said the accused had posted several threatening, abusive and vulgar messages on Instagram over the last few months besides stalking and threatening Katrina too," a cop told TOI.

No set formula for success: Salman

Superstar Salman Khan on Monday said films from the south are doing "really well" and though every artiste wants to make a good movie, there is no formula to guarantee box office success.

Khan recently came on board to present the Hindi version of Kichcha Sudeepa's upcoming Kannada fantasy action-adventure film "Vikrant Rona".

At a special event of the film, Khan interacted with the cast when actor Neetha Ashok said she was taken aback after she saw that the Bollywood superstar had shared the movie's trailer on Twitter.

To this, Khan said, "I'm also presenting the film! I have to do this (promotions). I don't want to go into losses... South films are doing really well."

At the same time, the 56-year-old actor believes there is no formula to deliver a successful movie.

"We all try and make the best film, we want it to reach everyone. Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't. There's no formula to this, that something will work 100 per cent," he said. **PTI**